

Mysteries of Freighter On Sea Bottom Near Solution

Copenhagen — (U.P.) — The 200-year-old mysteries of the armed freighter on the sea bottom off the Danish coast of Skagen are nearing solution.

The recent finding of a Russian kopeck coin from 1757 indicates, according to experts, that the ship was of Swedish or Russian origin.

A professional wreck-hunter, Sigurd Damgaard, 59, is doing a detective's job on board his ship, Sankt Georg, assisted by his son, Sigurd, 24, and a diver, Borge Bohus. Beside his investigation on behalf of the museums and historians, he runs his business, fishing from wrecked ships along the Danish coast tons of iron and other metals for sale.

Damgaard, known among fishermen as "the pirate" because, they say, he looks like one, is spending his life exploring wrecks. He knows them all and all about them, and he has made a living out of them for 44 years.

Every day when weather permits, he is fishing materials from the more than 100 wrecks on his list.

"I shall never be out of work," he said. "The sea bottom is almost oak-planked by shipwrecks."

The armed freighter now under investigation was hidden for 200 years while the sandy land tongue, belabored by wind and sea, was moving about 1,500 meters from east to west, thus passing over the ship which appeared on the other side.

The ship is not yet identified, but its secrets are being wrested from it, one by one. The kopeck museum of Copenhagen, with

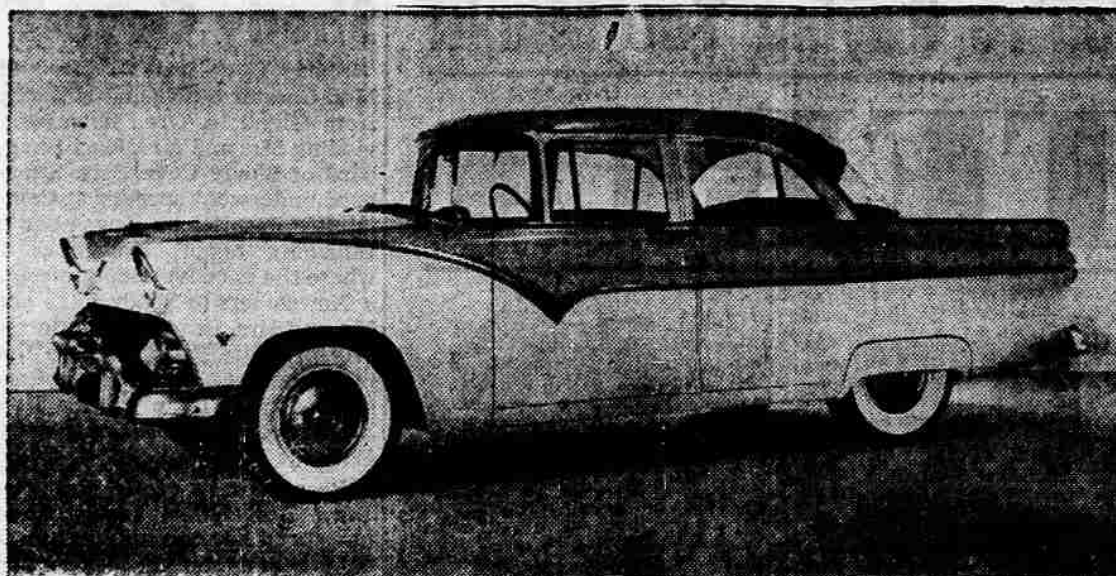
coin is one of the clues that might lead to identification. The 1757 coin, worth about half a cent, bears the initials of Empress Elizabeth of Russia, who reigned 1741-62. In the earlier part of her reign she made war against Sweden, and, as the load of the wrecked ship mainly consists of war materials, experts indicate the ship was Swedish or Russian, probably the latter. It was, however, no warship; more likely a transport carrying fortress equipment.

The shipment includes, besides tons of gun ammunition, dozens of iron-made fire-bombs that have much in common with fire-bombs used by the British Navy during the bombardment of Copenhagen in 1807.

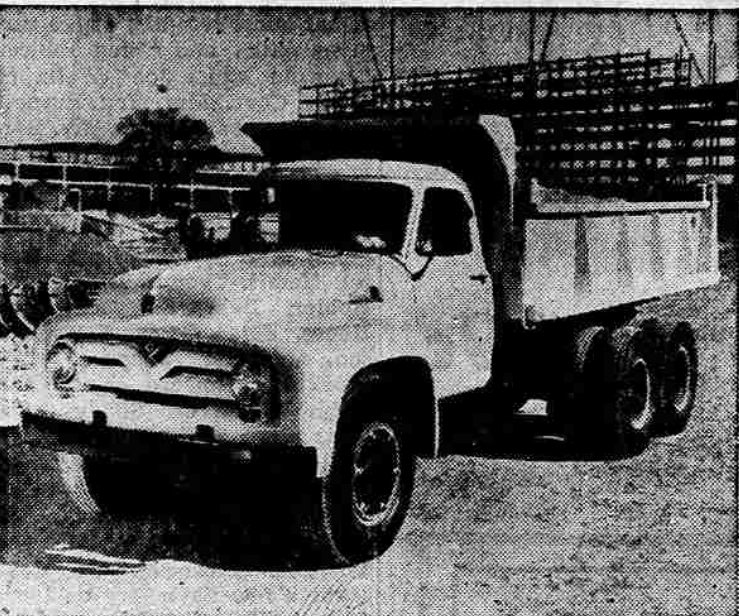
Damgaard has picked up a gun marked "anno 1735" and several other things, all sent to the arms which he cooperates without compensation.

This summer he hopes to go after a big treasure in gold supposed to have been on the British ship St. George which was wrecked and sank with 1,700 men on Christmas night, 1812, off the western coast of Denmark. More than 10 years ago, after having checked with the British Admiralty, which confirmed his information, he found the vessel, half buried in the sand.

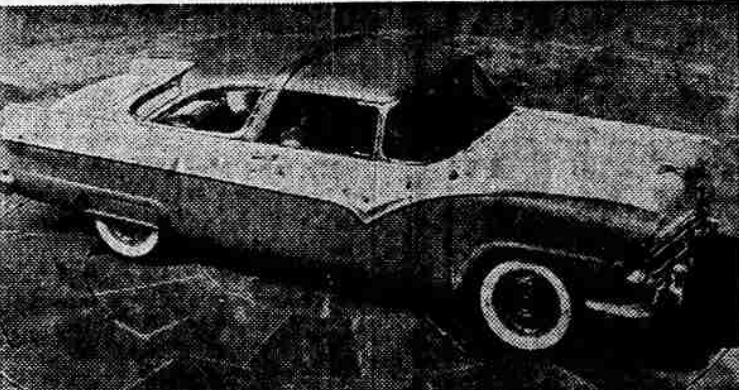
According to a story told by several survivors a chest containing gold went down with the ship. Every year Damgaard has inspected the St. George wreck, and this summer he will make an attempt to get into its cabins to seek the chest.



NEW FORDS SHOWN—The 1955 model Ford automobiles, including the new Fairlane series. All models feature wrap-around windshields, and other features of design. Three engines, two V-8s and a six, are offered.



1955 FORD TRUCKS—The Ford Motor company in its 1955 models are offering 24 series of trucks, with a total of 190 models. The tandem axle "Big Job" is shown above. New models have improved engines and chassis, and more comfortable foam rubber seats.



VICTORIA INNOVATION—The Fairlane Crown Victoria, a brand-new Ford offered for the first time with the new 1955 models, is shown above. It has a "tiara-like" chrome strip arched over the top of the car, a wrap-around windshield and is less than five feet in overall height. The new Fords are on display starting tomorrow at Crater Lake Motor company.

69 Pianos Shipped To Music Festival

Lenox, Mass. — (U.P.) — To provide pianos for the famous musicians, singers and music students attending the Berkshire Festival here this summer, 69 of the massive instruments and an electronic organ were shipped 750 miles from Cincinnati to the festival site at Tanglewood.

Two huge trailer trucks with their heavily padded cargo make the journey in two and a half days. Since drivers, by regulation, may only be on the road 10 hours a day, the trucks had to maintain a 30-mile an hour

average despite occasional traffic tie-ups, stops for lunches and unpredictable weather.

Loading the pianos took 16 hours and 300 heavy double pads, collectively long enough to cover a third of an acre. Raymond Schmidt, 38, a piano-moving expert supervised a series of complicated maneuvers at the factory in which the pianos are wrapped and stacked on trucks without marring the finish. They had to be tightly taped against inevitable jarring during the long trek.

1955 Model Fords On Display Friday; Innovations Told

The 1955 models of Ford automobiles will go on display tomorrow. Crater Lake Motor company will be showing them during the day and will stay open in the evening to permit others to view the new cars.

An entirely new line, the Fairlane series, will be introduced with the '55 models, which also come in three other series. Much of the styling developed by the "Thunderbird" personal car appears in the new Fords. All will retain many of the characteristics which Ford has developed over the years, but the new cars have wrap-around windshields, and new and lower silhouettes.

First Under 5 Feet

The Crown Victoria, a new model, is the first Ford sedan under five feet in overall height. Three new engines are being offered, a high-compression Y-block V-8; another Y-block V-8, and an I-block six. Dual exhausts to provide extra power, are standard on all Fairlane V-8 and station wagon models.

Integrated air conditioning and heating systems are being introduced in the 1955 models. The system will be installed by dealers.

The new cars have concave grills, composed of a plated grid. Chrome trimline starts on top of each front fender at the headlamp, and follows the curve of the fender down, then sweeps backward to the tail lights. Hooded headlights give the effect of forward thrust, and rear fenders form a reverse angle above larger tail lamps. A flatter hood and longer rear deck is featured.

Other new features include improved Fordomatic transmission; larger brakes; "turbo action" sparkplugs which burn off carbon deposits, and others. Tubeless tires are standard equipment.

Brazil, Ind. — (U.P.) — When Emil Glineur Sr., 80, collapsed in his chair from apoplexy, his dog, Bubbles, ran to an adjoining bedroom and pawed at the covers of a bed until Glineur's son awakened and went to his father's aid.

Mental Health Film Shown at Training Session on Monday

A mental health film was shown Monday evening at the high school during a training program for members of the local mental health committee, leaders of discussion groups and interested professional people.

In an introduction to the film and a question-and-answer period following, Dr. L. E. Messenger, associate professor of psychology at Southern Oregon college, discussed the emotional problems capable of existing in a classroom, factors that could multiply them, and methods of dealing with them by both the teacher and child guidance clinic.

Mrs. Walter Bish, chairman of the mental health committee, conducted a discussion of parent study groups active in Jackson county. How they are started, how parents could be urged to join or form new ones, the aims for parents to meet, discuss and study mutual problems of child development, and the relation of the study group to school PTA's, were items discussed.

A list of resource material used by these study groups was made, and included newspaper clippings, magazine articles, particularly the PTA magazine, study courses made available by the public health department, films, and professional persons such as teachers, nurses, doctors and ministers.

Miss Dorothy Husky, Jackson county health educator, presented sample displays of study courses and pamphlets on child development and mental health that are available. The training program was concluded with announcement of Retarded Children's week, which began Nov. 17, and the film forum to be held in the county during January.

HIGHER EDUCATION
Hartford, Mich. — (U.P.) — Jon Friday earned money this summer for his education at Michigan State college by performing as a trapeze artist with a circus.

Major Disaster Areas Declared in Alaska

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower today declared as major disaster areas those parts of Alaska "adversely affected as a result of the disastrous fishing season of 1954."

Mr. Eisenhower telegraphed Alaskan Governor B. F. Heintzleman that he is "deeply concerned with the hardship and suffering caused some Alaskans" and is allocating "such funds as are necessary" for federal aid.

Civil Defense Director V. A. Peterson was directed to investigate the situation and determine the amount of federal aid required.

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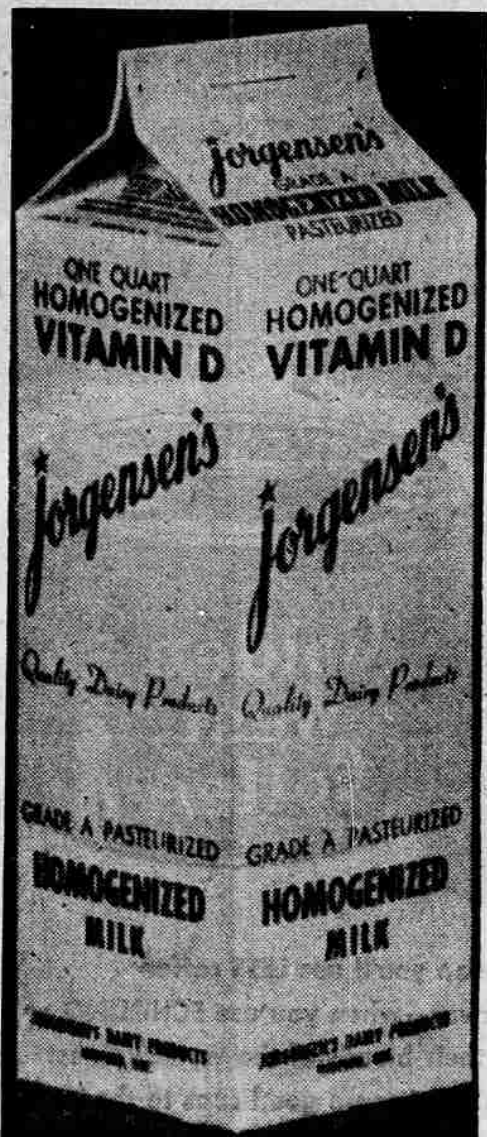
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